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CAPE MAY COUNTY SQUADRON CIVIL AIR PATROL

# SQUADRON

## Civil Air Patrol/Cape May

### From the Commander

Well finally, after the past few weeks without a meeting, we are getting back on track in the squadron. I hope all fared well during the messy weather we just went through.

We have a prime opportunity coming up on 20 Mar 2010, we are hosting a Sarex in group 225. Cape May will be a Mission Base for the operations. Now is the time to finish up completing your ICS 100 and 700 course to be able to participate in the training. See 2Lt Kooker if you have any questions as to what you need to participate, he will be glad to assist you.

We have our annual Wing Conference coming up on 13 Mar 2010 at Fort Dix. I hope to see as many faces there as possible. There will be plenty of awards and honors being handed down.

I am planning on having a Ground Team 3 training weekend coming up

between 16-18 Apr 2010 at the Wharton State Forest in Hammonton. Watch for upcoming news online via DragonMail.

Cadets, keep working on your promotions and testing. Summer is coming on us sooner than you think and time will slip by quickly.

All Department Heads should be aware that we have until 15 Mar 2010 to complete our annual inventories and validate them in O.R.M.S.

**“SEMPER OPTIMUS”**  
**Major Kevin L. Barstow,**  
**Sr.**  
**Commander, NJ-009**



### From the Chaplain

I'm Irish, and this month many will dress up and pretend they're almost a leprechaun decked out in shamrocks and green from head to toe. As much as the 'luck of the Irish' pins, the jigs and reels with lyrical ballads make us want to kick up our heels and dance; let's not forget the hard times the Irish survived, multiple invasions and 200 hundred years of apartheid - many of the songs and traditions were born from these years. So in Moral Leadership we find the aftermath of making the ethical decisions which may ask a great sacrifice and commitment - leads to re-joining long after the challenge; and everyone wants to be part of the celebration of the honest moral life. This St. Patrick's Day may the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**LtCol Miles Barrett**  
**Moral Leadership/Character Development Officer NER NJ-009**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1Lt Ed Wuerker  
C/Amn Benjamin Conlin  
C/AB Sullivan Edwards  
C/AB Anthony Martin



### Anniversaries

C/SrA John Edwards

### Upcoming Events

**13 March** - NJ Wing Conference Look for details on Dragon Mail

**20 March** - SAREX

**16-18 April**-GTM3 Weekend



**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

## Public Affairs

It was nice to get back to CAP after missing it for a couple weeks due to weather complications! I hope everyone enjoyed the break and took time to enjoy the snow— I know my dogs sure did!

With Spring fast approaching, summer will not be far behind. I want to encourage all cadets to try to take advantage of all CAP has to offer. For cadets who have not been to Basic Encampment, please do all you can to attend this summer. Encampment gives you the basics you need to succeed in CAP. In addition, it is a requirement for many activities, including National Cadet Special Activities. Speaking as a parent, I cannot say enough about the wonderful opportunities that CAP has for cadets. I saw firsthand how my son benefited from the awesome experiences he had in CAP, which included attending three national activities. Look online on the national site and see what's available, then plan to attend Basic Encampment this summer, and National Cadet Special Activities next year! Any questions, ask you cadet staff.

Cadets, the more you give to CAP, the more you get back. Get involved, promote, try new things!

Please remember to spread the word about CAP and it's wonderful opportunities for youth and adults! Parents, don't forget, you can always join too-either as a senior member or a cadet sponsor member. Stop by the squadron for more information!

**1Lt Sandra Kooker, Public Affairs Officer**  
**NER NJ-009, ejsltb@comcast.net**

## Personnel/Administration

As a reminder, all forms that are submitted must be typed. The forms are available in MS Word format on the NHQ website. When printing a 2 sided form, print it on both sides of a single sheet of paper.

When submitting a completed form by e-mail, scan the form and save it in the Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format.

## Professional Development

The CAP Senior Officer Course (AFIADL-13) administered by the USAF is no longer available. It has been replaced by the CAP Officer Basic Course administered by CAP NHQ. Enrollment information can be found on the CAP University website, [http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/cap\\_university/officer\\_basic\\_course.cfm](http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/cap_university/officer_basic_course.cfm)

This course is required for completion of Level II of the Professional Development Program. Any officer who has not completed the CAP Senior Officer Course (AFIADL-13) should sign up for this course.

**Richard A Simon, Lt Col, CAP DPA, DA, IT, PDO NER-NJ-009**

## Cadet Program

Cadets,

As many of you are aware, we have established promotion boards for cadet ranks of SSgt and higher. Please do not come before the board unprepared. We do not only hold the promotion boards to see if you are ready to be promoted, but also to prepare you for the Wing level review boards for the National Cadet Special Activities as well as other higher boards. For those of you who have come to a promotion board before, you are starting to realize that the each level is never the same and that you should be prepared for whatever material your achievement covers. For you older cadets, please mentor your junior cadets so they may be able to follow in your example for the cadets that follow them. Remember, the Review Boards are there to help gauge progress; nothing can stop you from succeeding except yourselves.

**Capt Tony Simon**  
**Deputy Commander for Cadets**  
**NER NJ-009**

## A Note From Supply

Uniforms issued by USAF are accountable. When personnel leave, squadron uniforms will be turned in. This is a Must! If you have any questions, see Supply.

**Maj Wayne Ingling, Supply Officer**  
**2Lt Evan Kooker, Assistant Supply Officer**  
**NER NJ-009**

## Aerospace Education

### WEATHER.....

Most people really don't think too much about it in their everyday lives, except maybe to take an umbrella or how will I get my dog outside to do bizness. Weather and sports are definitely related, most sports keep playing regardless, unless your lucky enough to play baseball....Pilots may have a different take on things, should we file VFR/IFR or do void the trip all together. Mostly a VFR pilot may bring additional fuel to get to an alternate airport or just some crackers and water to help calm the belly! But whatever may be your concern, you can count on the CAP to discuss it, maybe even a good video about weather. Our aerospace night had a great guest to discuss just the weather: Chaplin Barrett brought a King series weather video. As he presented the video he gave some dialog on the importance of each section related to his own flight experience. This approach really captures the imagination of the cadets, our future pilots. Future pilots like our cadets will have a good foundation knowing weather, they will be safer and be available for every circumstance.

WEATHER my point of view,

**2Lt Lanse Williams**  
**Aerospace Education Officer**  
**NJ-009**





**Support Search & Rescue**

**GET LOST !**

Another month has gone by and we are already gearing up for the Spring! That means a lot of opportunities to train and get qualified for those of you that want to become Ground Team Members. One of those opportunities is a SAREX. What is a SAREX you ask?

A SAREX is a Search and Rescue Exercise, in which cadets and senior members are able to practice the skills they are learning in various ground schools and from CAP computer-based training courses. The U.S. Air Force usually funds SAREXs so that there is no cost to the participants for the aircraft and van fuel. Typical activities for a SAREX include airborne electronic searches for downed aircraft using a practice ELT (emergency locator transmitter) or lost persons. Once the SAREX aircrew has located the simulated aircraft/person they employ air-to-ground communication and lead-in techniques to bring a ground team and medical assistance to the simulated crash site or lost person. Simulations can also include Ground Team searches for downed airplanes and missing persons without aircraft coordination.

What do you need to participate in a SAREX?

- ICS-100 and ICS-700 completed.
- GES
- OPSEC
- Basic ORM/Safety training
- Commander approval on your SQTR.

If you have any questions, which I'm sure you will, please contact me anytime.

**2Lt Evan Kooker**  
**Emergency Services Officer**  
**NER NJ-009**

## Spotlight

**Name:** Riot

**School:** Palisades SAR Dog Association

**Age:** 5

**Grade:** near completion of K9 Wilderness SAR training; Beginning Human Remains Detection training.

**Excuse me if I brag about:** I just passed my 20 acre preliminary Wilderness SAR Evaluation in January and am getting ready for the mission ready test.

**If I could invite four people to dinner, I would invite:** my handler-1Lt Akeret, Major Barstow, and the heads of my K9 search team-Spring & Pat Pittore.

**And we would discuss (at dinner):** Where we are going for our next ES training trips!

**If I could be invisible for one hour, I would:** eat all the people food in the house!

**My favorite sport is:** tug-o-war!

**My biggest challenge so far has been:** climbing ladders, it's not so easy on 4 feet.

**If I could eat three things for the rest of my life, they would be:** rare beef, chicken, and cheese.

**The most boring thing in my life is:** being home alone.

**The most exciting thing in my life is:** when I'm told to "Go find" someone.

**The person I look up to most is:** whoever has my squeaky sock.

**If I could have anything in the world, I would want:** someone to play with me when 1Lt Akeret is at work.

**My first real job will be:** my first SAR Mission.

**You will never see me wearing:** a doggie sweater.

**If I could change one thing about myself, it would be:** my fear of thunderstorms.

**Where I'd like to be and what I'd like to be doing in ten years is:** relaxing at home with my handler, after a long and successful career in SAR work.

**My goal in CAP is:** FIND THE SUBJECT!





## *From the Cadets*

Well, this month I've pretty much been snowed into my house with my family, not a very good situation to be in. Luckily, we didn't lose power-except for one night while we were still asleep. So that was good. But we were literally snowed into our house; we could not get out for two straight days. Then another two days we were snowed in after the second storm.

Over the course of the unexpected break, I was studying for the test that I have finally gotten the chance to take. So, I'm glad about that.

I hope everyone was okay during both the storms and I pray that we don't get anymore snow because I can't take anymore of it.

C/AB Madison Peteani

These past few weeks of CAP have been interesting. The first two weeks of the month were "fun filled" with two birthday cakes and a radio class. The first week we had the radio class, the second week we had the cakes for my 17th birthday, while the following weeks we were shoveling tons of snow from our own houses.

Unfortunately two weeks in a row CAP was canceled and my promotion to Chief Master Sergeant was also postponed, oh well. This next week if we do not cancel will be filled with cleaning up the squadron and getting rid of all unnecessary items for the big conversion our squadron is undertaking. All in all even though 2+ feet of snow has gotten in the way of CAP I feel very confident we will recover and make up lost time with a positive attitude.

C/SMSGT Dylan Rutherford

